

H.R. 3787, District of Columbia Local Juror Non-Discrimination Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on June 29, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	Excluded from UMRA
		Contains private-sector mandate?	Excluded from UMRA

Under the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, the Congress retains jurisdiction over the District of Columbia’s court system. Current law prohibits the District of Columbia from excluding or disqualifying any citizen from jury service on the basis of sex. H.R. 3787 would amend the Official Code of the District of Columbia to clarify that the term “sex” includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

Under current law, the Congress annually appropriates funds for the District of Columbia Courts and those expenditures are recorded in the federal budget. Because both the federal government and the District of Columbia—through laws, regulations, and policies—prohibit discrimination and because expanding the scope of antidiscrimination law applicable to jury selection would not affect the costs to operate the District of Columbia’s court system, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3787 would have no effect on the federal budget.

CBO has not reviewed H.R. 3787 for intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that would establish or enforce statutory rights that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, and disability. CBO has determined that the bill falls within that exclusion because it would prohibit discrimination in jury selection within the District of Columbia on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

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